

hearings before the committee on ways and means shows no demand, from any source for an increase of duty on fluid beef. The only statement listened to by the committee was a strong protest, with unanswerable argument against such increase. And yet the bill as published contains a clause so cunningly devised as to leave no doubt that it was intended by its instigators to absolutely prohibit all importation of fluid beef. These fluid extracts are comparatively new and come from abroad bearing the imprint of scientific preparation and the indorsement of undoubted authority. This does not mean that the American scientists can not suggest or American capital make a preparation that would be acceptable to an exacting profession, but it does mean that the one never has and that judging from an economic standpoint, the other never will unless indeed Congress, by shutting out the foreign extract, helps it to extort from the domestic article. The reason for this is apparent to even a superficial observer. The imported article comes from the pampas of the Rio de la plata where meat, as such is of no value on account of its distance from a market; in this country the conditions are vastly different. Our population is so great and our facilities for transportation are so expensive, that even the most remote herds of cattle are still so near civilization that the meat is worth so much as fresh beef to warrant its being put into an extract. And this reason is each year becoming more impressive should we ask why then has this clause of prohibition found its way into the proposed tariff bill. New England would probably answer by asking, why was the attempt made to tax hides? The same power suggested both. A power whose tendency is to monopolize and grasp all; a power with an ability or on disposition to profit by legitimate trade, but with a desire to climb by the steps that other men have builded; and if in the climbing the builder is crowded back why, so much greater the gain. It is the power that has driven the laborer in to trades unions and can not understand why Congress should not impose an unequal and unjust tax on the many for the benefit of a few. The times are radically wrong where the representatives of any political party thus find it expedient to prostitute their high office, in subservience to the dictates of a few manufacturing monopolists rather than open the door of relief to the consuming multitude. Bad enough was it to corner pork and bread stuffs and thus double the cost of the poor man's necessities, but where these monopolists with the power of their \$10,000,000 ask the government to protect their infant industries while they steal into the sick room and wring from the hand of pain a tribute to their greed, surely honest men of every persuasion or avocation in every county in every state should protest. There is not one in valid in this vast country, who at times would not be affected by this increase of duty as well as a great many other things in said bill to traders for doctors to mention. There is not a physician in the land whose resources it would not cripple. We hope this matter will be so brought before Congress as to cause it to pause, ere it takes from the American physician preparation's of proved merit, and obliges him to use in their stead the products of those whose chief aim is thus to obtain the highest price for the surplus of their slaughter houses.

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